GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
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RECONSTITUTION OF MPEDA
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the MPEDA has been reconstituted;

(b) if so, the date on which it was reconstituted;

(c) whether adequate representation to exporters from Andhra Pradesh has been given in the Board;

(d) the additional functions awarded to the Board;

(e) whether any target has been set for the coming year; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN)

(a) & (b) Yes Sir. A twenty-member Authority was reconstituted vide a Gazette Notification Dated 10th February, 1999. Subsequently two more members were notified vide Notification Dated 4th August, 1999.

(c) Yes Sir.

(d) As per Section 9 of Marine Products Export development Authority (MPEDA) Act, 1972, following are the major functions of the Authority:-

i. The development of the marine products industry with special reference to exports
ii. Developing and regulating off-shore and deep-sea fishing and undertaking measures, for the conservation and management of off-shore and deep-sea fisheries
iii. Registration of fishing vessels, processing plants, exporters and conveyances used
iv. Regulating the export of marine products
v. Improving the marketing of marine products outside India
vi. Collection of statistics relating to the marine products industry
vii. Training in various aspects of the marine products industry, etc

(e) & (f) The MPEDA would continue to implement various schemes relevant to promotion of exports of marine products from India. The schemes/programmes of MPEDA are covered under four major plan schemes which are as under:-

(1) Export Promotion - Capture Fisheries

(2) Export Promotion - Culture Fisheries

(3) Induction of New Technology and Modernisation of Seafood industry

(4) Market Promotion

The target is to export marine product worth US $ 1250 Million during the year 2000-2001, while the target for the year 2001-2002 is yet to be fixed.